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Reactive Hydrogel Material

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**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office action mailed from the Patent Office on January 11, 2006, for which the shortened statutory period was set to expire on April 11, 2006. Applicants enclose a Request for Continued Examination, hereby request an extension of time and enclose the appropriate fees. Prior to examination, please enter this Amendment, consider the references accompanying the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and consider the accompanying remarks. In the event any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

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